Assistance to Naga University

677. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "HRD Ministry urged to help Naga Varsity", which appeared in the Indian Express dated the 24th October, 2001;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) As per Statutory Provisions of Nagaland University, the Vice-Chancellor of the Nagaland University is appointed by the President of India in his capacity as the Visitor of the University from a panel of three names recommended by a Search Committee constituted for the purpose. The Search Committee is an impartial body and functions outside the domain of the Ministry of Human Resource Development.

Vikas Nidhi for Kendriya Vidyalayas

678. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has provided for a Vikas Nidhi for each Kendriya Vidyalaya of the country;

(b) if so, the amount charged therefor from each student, per month;

(c) the details of *modus operandi* prescribed for spending the Vikas Nidhi; and

(d) the Vidyalaya-wise details of amount raised in KVS, till date, and the heads of expenditure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Vidyalaya Vikas Nidhi (VVN) has been set up in Kendriya Vidyalayas w.e.f. 1.4.2000 by charging Rs. 100/- from each student (Rs. 125/-p.m. from Science Students of class XI & XII).

(c) Expenditure is being incurred out of this Nidhi after obtaining approval of Executive Committee of Vidyalaya Management Committee on Pupils Societies, Scouts and Guide activities, Horticulture, Maintenance and Repair of Vidyalaya Building, Annual Day/Sports Day, Engaging part-time/contractual watch & ward staff, Rent, Rate & Taxes, Furniture, Library, Laboratory and sports equipment, Computers, CBSE examination fees for SC/ST students and other various students academic and extra co-curricular activities.

(d) The information regarding amount raised till date and the amounts under the various heads of expenditure is not maintained centrally.

Right to education

679. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item published in the Hindustan Times dated the 17th October, 2001 captioned "Right to education being compromised, according to National Alliance for the Fundamental Right to Education report on education", released by Attorney General of India in New Delhi;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have not been able to implement the Universal right to education and six per cent share of gross domestic product (GDP) should have been earmarked as education expenditure; and